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Papua New Guinea

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Papua New Guinea due to COVID-19, crime, civil unrest, health concerns, natural disasters and kidnapping. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as the stay is less than 60 days.

US Embassy/Consulate

+(675) 321-1455; EMER: +(675) 7200-9439; US Embassy Port Moresby, Douglas Street, adjacent to the Bank of Papua New Guinea, PO Box 1492, Port Moresby, NCD 121, Papua New Guinea

Vaccinations

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommends polio vaccinations, along with boosters for adults, for travel to Papua New Guinea. Vaccinations and boosters may be required for travel to Australia after extended stays in PNG. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

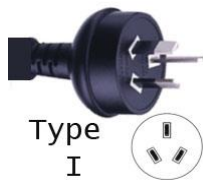
Tropical; northwest monsoon (December to March), southeast monsoon (May to October); slight seasonal temperature variation

Currency (Code)

Kina (PGK)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 HZ / plug type(s): I



Major Languages

Tok Pisin, English, Hiri Motu, some 839 indigenous languages spoken (about 12% of the world's total); many languages have fewer than 1,000 speakers

Religions

Protestant 64.3%, Roman Catholic 26%, other Christian 5.3%, non-Christian 1.4%, unspecified 3.1%

Time Difference

UTC+10 (15 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); note: Papua New Guinea has two time zones, including Bougainville (UTC+11)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	Varirata National Park; Rainforest Habitat in Lae; Port Moresby (includes Parliament House, Boman War Cemetery, National Museum & Art Gallery); Kokoda Track; Tari Basin; JK McCarthy Museum
Cultural Practices	People will often point with their chins instead of their fingers.
Tipping Guidelines	A tipping culture does not exist. Tips are neither required nor expected.
Telephone Code	675
Local Emergency Phone	Fire: 110; Police: 000

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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